

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture comprising
  - (i) a water absorbing composition and
  - (ii) an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer or
  - (iii) dispersible organic polymer,

wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains inorganic ingredients which are capable to react with water and the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 13 weight % lime and at least 5 weight % of a cementitious composition of which components form ettringite during the absorption absorption of water and  
wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide a ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1 and  
wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 0.5 : 1 to 10: 1, preferably 1: 1 to 4: 1.
2. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to claim 1, wherein the sum of the weight of the lime and the weight of the cementitious composition is 67 to 100%, preferably 90 to 100% and more preferably approximately 100% of the total weight of the water absorbing composition (i).
3. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 25 weight %, preferably at least 62 weight % lime.

4. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the cementitious composition contains calcium aluminate and calcium sulfate.
5. (Currently Amended) A settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein in respect to the formation of ettringite the water absorbing composition (i) contains a stoichiometric surplus of lime.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, containing a water absorbing composition (i) and an aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) and putting the settable mixture on the surface to form a coating ~~preferably at least 2 mm in thickness~~.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of applying a coating to a surface which method comprises forming a settable mixture according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, containing water absorbing composition (i) and dispersible organic polymer (iii), combining the settable mixture with water and putting the mixture on the surface to form a coating ~~preferably at least 2 mm in thickness~~.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Coating manufaturable~~ The coating made according to [[a]] the method which is defined in claim 6 or 7.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of using the Use of a coating as defined in claim 8 as a rock support means.
10. (Currently Amended) A method of using the Use of a coating as defined in claim 8 as a waterproofing means.
11. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of the aqueous emulsion of organic polymer (ii) in relation to (i) is such as to provide a ratio of combined weight of polymer solids to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 1: 1 to 4: 1.

12. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the amount of dispersible organic polymer (iii) in relation to (i) is such as to give a ratio of combined weight of polymers to combined weight of ingredients which are capable to react with water of from 1: 1 to 4: 1.
13. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 1 wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 62 weight % lime.
14. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein the water absorbing composition (i) contains at least 62 weight % lime.
15. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein the cementitious composition contains calcium aluminate and calcium sulfate.
16. (New) The settable mixture according to claim 2 wherein in respect to the formation of ettringite the water absorbing composition (i) contains a stoichiometric surplus of lime.
17. (New) The method of applying a coating to a surface according to claim 6 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
18. (New) The method of applying a coating to a surface according to claim 7 wherein the coating is at least 2 mm in thickness.
19. (New) The coating made according to the method which is defined in claim 7.
20. (New) The method of using the coating as defined in claim 19 as a rock support means or as a waterproofing means.